

Executive Director's Report

**May 2017
Council Meeting
Patrick Reinhart**

**Governor's Council on
Disabilities and Special Education**

#earlyintervention #supportservices #education #employment #inclusion #healthcare

Improved
quality of life



Empowered to
live & thrive in
communities



Competitively
employed in
an integrated
setting



Skills for
educational
success and
independence



Appropriate
early intervention
services and
support



Staff Update/Changes

- Research Analyst III Position
- Program Coordinator II Position
- All positions funded in FY 2018 except Non-Perm Health Program Manager I
 - ASPEN project closes and Health and Disability grant was not funded

Council Member Updates

- Welcome Anna
- Losing Christine and Lucy
- Mallory and Anthony's seats up for renewal

State Plan Update & Reporting

- Council State 5-Year Plan 2017-2021
 - Amendment due August 2017
- Federal DD Council Program Performance Reporting (PPR)
 - Submitted Dec. 2016 – Only one question!

Disability Policy Seminar



- Council members met with Alaska's Congressional Delegation
- Areas of Concern:
 - Medicaid! Medicaid! Medicaid!
 - Funding for our DD Act Programs
 - Budget cuts and rhetoric: SNAP, HUD, ACL, Heating Assistance
 - Social Security
 - Education

DD System Assessment

- Developed a Vision and Values
 - Significant stakeholder outreach (surveys, community forums, webinars)
 - Infographic booklet created
 - Consistent broad system message going into this session

Shared Vision:

Alaskans share a vision of a flexible system in which each person directs their own supports, based on their strengths and abilities, toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community. Our vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future.

Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Operating

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\$1,778,400 (\$849K Fed, \$280 K I/A Rcpts, \$272 K GFMH, \$377.4 MHTAAR)↓ \$188.6 K

- ✓ Trust: \$100K for BEE; \$127.4 for Research Analyst; \$150 for MicroEnterprise
- ✓ \$272K is General Fund: \$247 K is pass through to ILP program for professional development; \$25 K for MicroEnterprise
- ✓ Losing 1 of 9 position at end of this year—Health Program Mgr.
- ✓ \$367 K annual federal AIEI grant ends Sept. 30, but we saved enough over 5 years to get full 1 year no cost extension (thru 9/30/18).
- ✓ NEWS ALERT: Level funding from the feds for DD Councils-Award letter not announced yet but approx. \$475 K

Upcoming Priorities

- Legislative Wrap up
- AIEI No Cost Extension to Feds
- FY 18 Budget built on “actuals”
- Closeout of FY 17 Budget-Under again!
- DD Systems Changes--Next Steps
- DME Re-Use Program Development
- Trust CEO Search & Reorganization and FY 19 Budget

Upcoming Priorities

- State Plan Amendment
- FASD 5 Year Plan
- Looking for funding beyond FY 18, i.e. new grant opportunities
- ABLE & DB 101 Implementation
- Keeping up with Medicaid Reform and Re-Design in State
- Federal Changes & Impacts on Medicaid & how we can influence that

Questions

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